



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
CHILDHOOD WELLNESS COMMITTEE
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM B-22
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Monday, October 17, 2011

8:00 AM

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Franzen, Commissioner Sorkin

Excused: Commissioner Kleinberg

1. Call to Order. (11-4534)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sorkin at 8:05 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Approval of the agenda of October 17, 2011. (11-4535)

**On motion of Commissioner Franzen, seconded by Chair Sorkin,
(Commissioner Kleinberg being absent) this item was approved.**

3. Approval of the minutes of March 31, 2011. (11-4536)

**On motion of Commissioner Franzen, seconded by Chair Sorkin,
(Commissioner Kleinberg being absent) this item was approved.**

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II. REPORTS

4. Report by Committee Chair Sorkin on the following legislation:
California Assembly Bill 396 (Mitchell) - Medi-Cal: Juvenile Inmates
California Senate Bill 695 (Hancock) - Medi-Cal: Juvenile Detention Facilities
(11-4537)

Chair Sorkin reported that at the last Department of Mental Health Systems Leadership Team meeting, it was announced that AB 396 and SB 695 will allow youth inmates to be eligible to receive Medi-Cal benefits. She distributed copies of Assembly/Senate Bills AB 396 and SB 695.

After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection (Commissioner Kleinberg being absent), this item was received and filed.

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III. PRESENTATIONS

5. Presentation by Donna Fernandez and Maria Lieras, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), on DCFS' implementation of the following legislation:
Assembly Bill 1331 (Evans) - Foster Youth: Federal Benefits
Assembly Bill 2352 (Fuentes) - Health Services: Confidential Information
(11-4538)

Ms. Fernandez and Ms. Lieras reported that AB 1331 is not the responsibility of the Office of the Medical Director, and that AB 1331 is being handled by the DCFS Revenue Enhancement Unit. Data was distributed by DCFS.

The Committee expressed concern as to whether AB 1331 is providing a safety net for youth 16.5-17.5 years of age and would appreciate any further information DCFS can provide.

After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, (Commissioner Kleinberg being absent) this item was received and filed.

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6. Presentation by Rogelio Tapia, Chief Executive Office, on the status the [Los Angeles County Child Wellness Policy No. 3.116](#) adopted by the Board on December 1, 2009 ([Item No. 15 of 12/1/09](#)). (11-4539)

Mr. Tapia reported the following:

The Chief Executive Office (CEO), indicated that though the Policy was passed in December 2009, there has been a change in staffing at the CEO's Office, and at this time there has not been a formal follow up with the Departments.

Mr. Tapia will provide the Committee with an update on the Policy.

Mr. Gary Nelson, was available at the meeting to respond to questions posed by the Commission.

After, discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, (Commissioner Kleinberg being absent), this item was received and filed.

7. Presentation by Donna Fernandez and Maria Lieras, DCFS, on the DCFS Policy on Healthy Lifestyles. (11-4542)

Ms. Fernandez and Ms. Lieras provided a status report on the DCFS Policy on Healthy Lifestyles, and reported that there have been some modifications to the policy and DCFS staff has been trained on its implementation.

After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

8. Presentation by Donna Fernandez and Maria Lieras, DCFS, on Childhood asthma plan for children in DCFS care. (11-4543)

Maria Lieras indicated that the Policy Section of the Department is reviewing the need for a policy to ensure that children not be placed in homes in which they would be exposed to secondary smoke.

After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

9. Presentation by Jennifer Hottenroth, Department of Public Health, Donna Fernandez and Maria Lieras, DCFS, on the review and maintenance of the Health and Education Passport. (11-4576)

Presenters reported that DCFS is making every effort possible to ensure the maintenance of the Health and Education Passports.

After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

10. Presentation by Stephanie Sasnauskas, Dietician, Probation Department, on the menu options at Juvenile Halls for Probation youth. (11-4544)

Ms. Sasnauskas provided the Committee with an update on the menu enhancements and/or changes made to the menus at probation halls/juvenile camps, and distributed copies of old menus, current menus, and alternate menus that are underway for probation youth (copies on file). Ms. Sasnauskas further added the following from her last report in March 2011:

- **Small steps are being made by the Department that will result in improved menus which include more fruits and vegetables and fall within the dietary guidelines.**
- **Two challenges identified by Ms. Sasnauskas were : 1) The inability to access a youth's medical records; and 2) Food is prepared by Contractors.**

Committee will continue to follow-up with the Department on this issue.

Commissioner Franzen asked whether much food is thrown away by youth. Ms. Sasnauskas will follow-up on this issue.

After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection (Commissioner Kleinberg being absent), this item was received and filed.

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11. Review of DCFS Special Services Assessments for children ages 0-4.
- Adelina Sorkin, Committee Chair (11-4546)

The Committee briefly reviewed the 0-4 Data provided by the Department. This data indicates that more than one third of children in care are under the age of 4.

This item was continued to a future Childhood Wellness Committee meeting.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

12. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-4547)

There were none.

Public Comment

13. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Committee. (11-4548)

No members of the public address the Committee.

Adjournment

14. Adjournment for the meeting of October 17, 2011. (11-4549)

The Childhood Wellness Committee Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.